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SCOTT ADAMS HONORED AT MLA

For the third straight year an official of the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, has won the Ida and George Eliot Award, presented annually by the Medical Library Association for a published article considered to have contributed most to medical librarianship.

This year's award, including a check for $100, went to Mr. Scott Adams, Deputy Director, NLM. He received the award June 4 in sessions of the Medical Library Association meeting in San Francisco, California.

Mr. Adams received the prize for his article "Medical Library Resources and Their Development," originally presented before the American Association of Medical Colleges in Los Angeles, California, October 29, 1962, and published in the Journal of Medical Education, Vol. 38, January 1963. The article cited the need for improved medical communications and urged medical schools to increase the support of their medical libraries.

In his article he wrote "Either the medical libraries undertake a major program of rehabilitation so that they can adapt their programs first, to the needs of contemporary biomedical research, and second, to the onrushing new technologies, or they may not survive as functioning institutions. The libraries are truly at a crossroads. If they continue, with inadequate support, inadequate housing, inadequate collections, and inadequately prepared personnel, they may wither and decay. If they are provided major reinforcement in each of these respects, they can then speed their evolution, become co-partners with mechanized retrieval systems and science information centers, both functioning to control and utilize the flood of new research information."

Two years ago the Eliot Award went to Mr. Seymour I. Taine, Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division of the National Library of Medicine, for his article "The National Library of Medicine Index Mechanization Project." The award last year was received by Dr. Frank B. Rogers, then Director, NLM, and Mrs. Thelma Charen of the NLM staff for their article "Abbreviations for Medical Journal Titles."

SEYMOUR I. TAINE TAKES GENEVA POST

Mr. Seymour I. Taine, Acting Associate Director for Intramural Activities, has resigned from the National Library of Medicine. He will serve as a consultant to the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Taine is leaving the Library after 15 years. Since his appointment in 1949, he had been Editor-in-Chief of the Library's monthly medical journal index, known as the Current List of Medical Literature until 1959 when it became the Index Medicus. He was Editor-in-Chief of the Bibliography of Medical Reviews from 1955 and Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division from 1961 until his appointment as Acting Associate Director. In the capacity of Chief, BSD, since 1961, he was Project Officer of MEDLARS, the Library's computer-based Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System.

Mr. Taine is the originator of the Index Mechanization Project, the method of compiling the Index Medicus with IBM equipment and the Listomatic Camera. In 1962 he was awarded the first Ida and George Eliot Award for the National Library of Medicine Index Mechanization Project Report.

Mr. Taine was born December 6, 1919, in New York City. He attended the University of Michigan and received an A.B. degree in 1941 from New York University. He also holds a B.S. degree from Columbia University School of Library Services.

PARTIAL LIST OF DEMAND BIBLIOGRAPHIES PRODUCED BY MEDLARS

The NLM Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System (MEDLARS) which went into operation in December 1963, has been carrying out a limited number of demand searches of the biomedical literature.* As of July 2, 1964, 609 demand bibliographies had been prepared by MEDLARS on an experimental basis. These searches cover a file of up to 140,000 citations, of which nearly 100,000 are those which have appeared in the 1964 Index Medicus. The searches have been carried out along very specific lines as prescribed by the requesters in different scientific fields. They therefore are not intended to be comprehensive, since the requester may have specified limitations in terms of subject matter, languages, time or other considerations. Following is a partial list of the demand bibliographies thus far compiled by MEDLARS. These have been selected for inclusion in the NEWS to help give the scientific community an idea of the diversified subject areas with which MEDLARS is concerned. Additional lists of bibliographies will appear in succeeding issues of the NEWS.

*Fact sheets on MEDLARS are available upon request from NLM

REQUESTER	SUBJECT
Mr. Wilbur J. Cohen Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare	Therapy of epilepsy
Dr. Colin M. MacLeod Office of Science and Technology	Effect of ozone on microorganisms
Dr. Francis J. Klocke National Heart Institute	All cardiac glycosides
Miss Elizabeth Kelly Food and Drug Administration	Tranylcypromine
Dr. David Schechter University of Colorado Medical Center	Heart block and artificial pacemakers
Dr. Joseph L. Izzo University of Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine and Dentistry	Action of insulin on muscle
Dr. Charles D. Sherman University of Rochester Medical Center	Reconstruction of the esophagus
Major Edward L. Johnson Office of the Surgeon General, USA	Determination of particle size in fat emulsions
Major Edward L. Johnson Office of the Surgeon General, USA	Safety and nutritional adequacy of irradiated foods
Miss Pauline H. Stephan National Advisory Cancer Council	Neoplasm etiology from isoniazid and related drugs
Miss Pauline H. Stephan National Advisory Cancer Council	Oral contraceptives and neoplasm etiology
Dr. Robert W. Miller National Cancer Institute	Drug-induced abnormalities
Dr. Theodor von Brand National Institute of Arthritis and Infectious Disease	Histochemical, biochemical and metabolic aspects of endoparasitic protozooites and worms
Dr. Lorraine Bouthilet National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information	Citations indexed under F Category (psychology and psychiatry) terms during January Index Medicus production period
Dr. Fay M. Hemphill National Cancer Institute	Papers on carcinogenesis and cancer chemotherapy from certain journals

SMOKING BIBLIOGRAPHY PUBLISHED

A Bibliography on Smoking and Health, 1958-1963, compiled by NLM in connection with the work of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and Health, has been published by NLM. (Wash., Govt. Print. Off., 1964. 59 p.) (Public Health Service Bibliography Series No. 45)

A cumulation of a series of working bibliographies, the document was prepared by Dorothy Bocker, M.D., of the NLM Reference Section staff.

The bibliography consists of 1,066 references selectively annotated and classified in close correspondence with the subject content of the report of the Advisory Committee. The bibliography is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, at 25 cents per copy.

MLA COMMITTEE ON NLM ESTABLISHED

At the suggestion of the National Library of Medicine, the Medical Library Association has agreed to establish the MLA Committee on the National Library of Medicine. The establishment of the Committee was announced by Dr. Estelle Brodman, MLA President, in June.

The Committee will have the following purposes:

1) To assist the NLM in obtaining the organized support of the professional society most closely allied to its work.
2) To determine long range needs in medical librarianship.
3) To serve as a feedback mechanism for both groups.
4) To aid in the planning for future joint efforts.

Members of the Committee will be the following: Chairman, Dr. Alfred N. Brandon, Librarian, Welsh Memorial Library, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Mary M. Post, Librarian, Ramsey County Medical Society Library, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. Frederick G. Kilgour, Librarian, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn.; Mr. Alderson Fry, Librarian, West Virginia School of Medicine, Morgantown, West Virginia; Mrs. Jane Fulcher, Librarian, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Roy Kidman, Librarian, University of California School of Medicine, San Diego, California. Dr. Brodman will serve as an ex officio member. The first meeting of the Committee is planned for January 28, 1965.

SUMMER HOURS

Service to readers at NLM in the evenings and on Sundays will be discontinued during the summer months. Beginning on Wednesday, July 1, and ending September 7, the Library will be open to the public each day, Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Library will be closed Monday, September 7, a National holiday.

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